A Trip of 500 Miles Toward the Equator on the Edge of the Desert.

Baybreak in Calro-A Look at Asyout, the Capital of Upper Egypt-Its Caravans and Its Camel Mar--A Railroad of Upper Egypt and the Scenes of the Nile Valley in Midwinter-The Passengers and How They Treat Strangers-A Word About the Soudan-The Slave Trade and the Harem.

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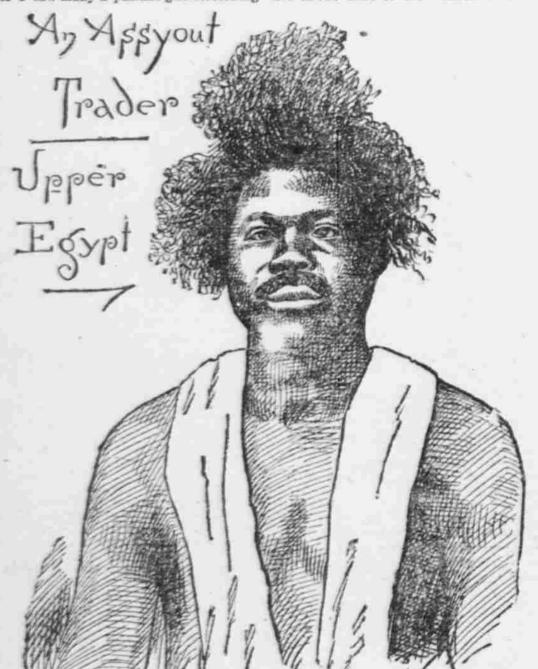
HE day had not broken when I arose from my good bed in Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo one Jannary morning to start on a trip up the Nile. I dressed by gaslight, and the sleepy French waiter in a swallow-tail coat yawned as he served me my coffee and eggs with numerous hints for a fee. The dawn was just breaking as I slipped a silver dollar into his hand, and giving orders that my baggage be sent to the station, jumped on the big red saddle of a very little donkey, and

with a tall black boy in a long gown as my driver galloped past the Ezbekiyeh Gardens, on through the narrow, winding lanes of the old part of Cairo to the railway station. My

scrvant, whom he called Mahomet, wore a car-dinal fee with a crimson turban. He had a wide, and the railroad goes for about 300 miles shawl over his head and his fierce mustaches | above Cairo. It terminates at the Capital of had a great sword beside him. He was an oflicer of the Egyptian army, and he asked me to partake of his lunch when he broke some corn mer with a sample case, and a Coptic priest oc- a population of about 40,000 people, one-third and big camels, trotting camels and burden kets-Fleas and Graybacks by the Thousands-A | cupied a seat on my right. I found everyone Graphic Pen Picture of an Interior Egyptian City | very polite, and the conductor held the train for five minutes at one of the stations in order that I might send a telegram.

The sun rose over the Desert as we shot out of Cairo and on into the rich Nile Valley. It was a picture for a painter. Coming slowly up like a great red ball, it gilded the Pyramids and made the great palm trees sparkle in the distance. Between the cars and the sun there was a caravan of camels-a dozen or more great tall, ungainly beasts, some loaded with hay so that nothing but their legs could be seen, some carrying cart-loads of bricks on their backs, and some bearing nothing but their drivers, who swayed backward and forward by the continuous motion of their beasts. Beyond these, along the rich black road, galloped a gailydressed turbaned Turk on an Egyptian donkey, and in the green meadow before us a Mahometan in a green grown, the favorite color of the Prophet, was kneeling upon a prayer-rug and saying his morning prayer, touching his head again and again to the ground. In one of the fields a black Egyptian was driving an ugly buffalo along the furrow in front of his plow, and over all was the pure blue sky of Egypt, tinged with the rosy rays of the rising sun. A moment later and the Pyramids changed from red to gray. The Desert came out in all its dazzling whiteness and the rich green of the crops became fresher and brighter as his Majesty arose in the heavens. It was a scene which you will not see outside of Egypt and it was one of the beautiful sunrises of this most beautiful country.

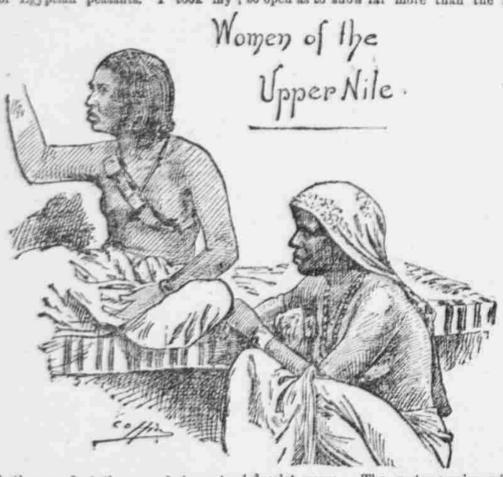
donkey boy appreciated my haste. He had cut | It is in a ride like this that one sees Egypt or clipped from the rump of his denkey a piece as it is. On both sides of the narrow strip of of skin almost as large as the palm of your green you can see the Desert. The railroad hand, and he paked a stick into the raw flesh | skirts along the Nile, and you see its hundreds in order to make "Yankee Doodle," as he of boats of all shapes, from the mail steamer called him, go faster. The air was fresh and down to the traveler's pleasure boat. The bracing, and Caire was just waking up. The | whole country is before your eyes, and the big business establishments were not opened, fields look the same to-day as they did when and in front of each door, right out on the side- Abraham was a farmer and when Joseph got walk, lay turbaned Egyptians, the watchmen, up a corner in grain. The camels stand like who sleep thus all night in front of their gates. great interrogation points and look wonder-A few of them had beds but the most lay flat | ingly at you. Donkeys are everywhere past on the stones with their heads pillowed on their | uring tied by one leg to a stake in the ground arms, and one now and then raised himself and here and there are herds of cows and up and said, with a touch of his forehead, " Na- | buffalos feeding. There are no fences, and the harak seied," as we passed. In the European | herdsmen watch their flocks to-day as they



compare favorably with any people you can find in the world. Those that I saw here had figures

her arms and yawning as she looked out over | pass a road, and you see upon it a dozen camels | and eatching and cracking these insects. In | tered the condition of Egypt. As it was, beher vail, and it was not until I got to the sta- outlined against the sky, each burdened with many cases two men or two women combine fore the Eaglish said that the Soudan must be made for the British Museum: tion that much sign of the active life of Cairo enough cotton or grass to fill a dray. Their forces and work together, one picking from given up, the trade which came through Egypt | Bronzite. The railroad station at Cairo is much like | there are none. There are no carts and no of the possibilities, and several times in search | There is no doubt but that the Soudan will be any European depot as far as the building is | wagons. The cows do the plowing and donkeys | ing my clothes on returning to my room I opened up in the future, and this town of concerned. The crowd, however, is made up of and camels carry the crops to market. There found that I had carried away some other man's | Asyoot will then become a great city. It has all colors and races, and I found people from all are no barus, no baystacks, no wire fences, and property. These lice are very prolific, and one already a Government school, and the missionparts of the world standing before the first, sec- nothing in the way of machinery. There are good female will in a week colonize a whole aries here have a large college. Its bazars do and and third-class ticket offices. There were no houses scattered over the landscape. The man. I spent about an hour every day in a great deal of business, and it is in the center Turkish merchants in costly turbans and long people all live in mud villages, and as the searching the seams of my underclothing for of one of the richest parts of the Nile Valley. cloth gowns which hung to their feet, and train stops at these you see that the houses are | eggs, and I did not wonder that Pharaoh was which touched the red turned-up slippers jumbled together like so many pigpens, and ready, when Moses sent this pest upon him, to which covered them. There were white- that the whole is more like a rade cattle yard allow the Israelites to go. You can have no gowned capitalists from Tunis, with faces of the | than a town. It is as dirty as a cattle-yard, | idea of the flies and the fleas of Upper Egypt. color of Jersey cream, and there were Bedouins and it looks as though an immense handful of They cover everything and everybody. You from the desort with skins like ebony, and with | mud had been thrown by the gods into this | see men sleeping by the roadside with great eves as bright and as bold as those of the sol- beautiful plain of green. The houses are all handfuls of flies on their eyebrows. Bables diers of Switzerland. The Bedouins are the | flat-roofed. They have no chimneys, and there | bave flies resting around their mouth and finest looking men in Egypt, and they will is no sign of architectural beauty about them.

You may want something to eat, but you gs symmetrical and as well put together as that | look in vain for restaurants at the stations, and of Michael Angelo's statue of David, and the crowd that rushes up upon the stopping though they were perhaps the poorest clad of train is strictly Egyptian. Dozens of halfany men at the station they were by all olds | naked men and women come to the car winthe most independent. There were many dows offering cakes and sugar-cane to cat and Copts among the crowd. These were dressed | water to drink. Some have hard-boiled eggs, in dark gowns, and not a few of them had black | but you note that these are not much bigger caps. They are the Christians of Egypt, and | than buckeyes, and the hand that offers them they form the clerks of the people. Mixed to you is not infrequently dirty. The women among these were Greeks and Italians in the | who sell them have queer ideas of modesty. clothes of Europe, the swell English tourist in | They wear long black valls over their faces, his checker-board trowsers, and a great num- but their blue cotton gowns fail only half-way ber of barefooted, blue-gowned, fez-capped | below the knees, and the slit at the bosom is feliahin or Egyptian peasants. I took my so open as to show far more than the lowest



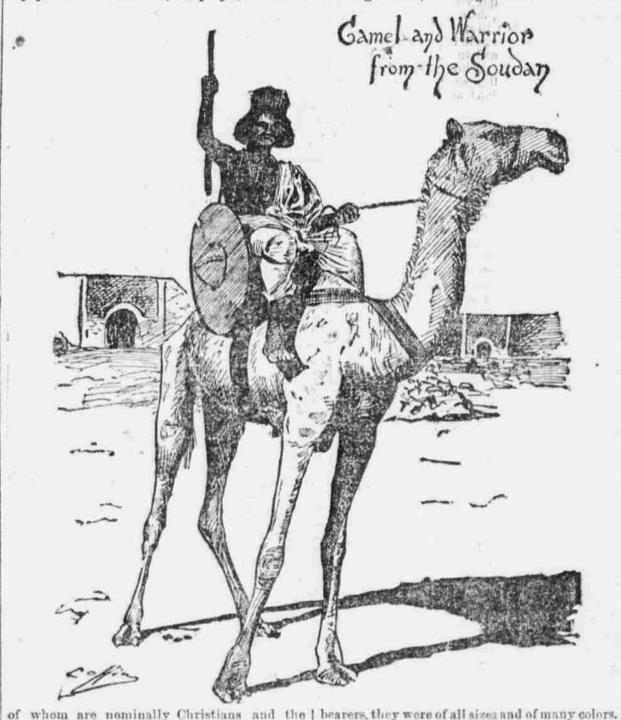
with the people to carrying a little Europe ground with me and associating only with travelers. You seldom find Egyptians or Turks in the first class in Egypt, and though the cars in which I was put were no better than our smoking cars, they were filled with soldiers and merchants and high-class Egyptians. They were made on the American plan, and so that other. A tall Egyptian officer in a red cap and an overcoat shining with gold lace and gold buttons, sat just in front of me. Around his head and neck was a silk shawl of green, purple and gold, and a grave, intellectual and almost classical face shone out of this. He made

turn with the crowd at the second-class win- | decolet gown. The water-carrier with his | knives nor forks nor plates in cating. There low, The second-class ticket was about half goat-skin pours out his fluid from the Nile the price of a first class, and I preferred to ride | into cups, which he offers to the third-class | passengers, and the sugar-cane is bought and vegetables out of the soup. Fingers are the sucked for the juice that is in it. It is won- carving-knives, and the fellow who can pull derful how many poor people travel in Egypt, the hardest gets the best piece. Turkey, sheep The third-class cars are like cattle-cars. They and beef are torn apart with the fingers, and have no windows, but near the roof the boards | the Egyptians of Asyoot think that forks are a have been removed, and the wind and dust of great foolishness. They are a great people for the desert blow through. The seats are plain | cating sweets, and in the bazars the lemonade benches running lengthwise through the car, one could walk from one end of the car to the and these are packed with men and women of | ized. They know but little of fires for warmth. all colors and costumes. The passengers pay just about one-half what I pay, and about onefourth the price paid by the man who goes first-class.

> I rode until long after sunset on this rail-Children Cry for Fitcher's Castoria

me think of Othello, and I could see how a road, and in the hundreds of miles which I trav- their heads sheltered by a part of their gowns, mahogany face with those features might easily | eled toward the Equator I did not once get out | while the warm rays of this Egyptian sun bewitch the fairest of white Desdemonas. His of sight of the Desert. Egypt above Cairo is for breathes life and heat into their black-skinned

Asyoot is the great trading place for Upper set off his copper complexion. The Othello Upper Egypt, the City of Asyoot, and it was Egypt. Caravans of camels from interior Africa here that I stayed to get some idea of the and the Soudan bring ebony, ivory, skins and backwoods of Egypt. I spent several weeks ostrich feathers to it, and the markets are in the town, and I found every day full of wonderful. I remember visiting the camel bread and made a meal off of this and a glass | interest. It is far different from Cairo, and a | market and seeing hundreds of animals from of water. Just behind me sat a Greek drum- foreigner is rather a curiosity. The town has all parts of North Egypt for sale. Little camels



ing the heat of the day a matting is stretched.

There is little ornamentation about these

Egyptian houses. They are all flat-roofed. The majority of them have no glass in their windows, and the lower half of each window is covered with wooden lattice work, through the meshes of which you may see the large, dark eyes of the ladies of the harem peeping out. I asked one graybearded Mahometan as to what the people did in ease of rain. He did not appear to know what the word rain meant, and I was told that they have no blizzards or rain storms in this part of the Nile Valley. One of lips hang down, and they blubber discontent- the other, and vice versa. Every time I took a amounted to millions of dollars, and this trade edly as you pass. You look for horses, but | walk through the streets I trembled to think | has, through England, been lost to the world. every child in repose has a half dozen flies on population than any other country in the world. and eye diseases are caused by these flies. You

respected by the people. I saw men working on the road at Asycot whose wages were, I was told, less than two cents a day, and the regular wages in this part of the country are from five to 25 cents a day, The lower classes live worse than do our dogs. They dress in a single garment of blue cottoncloth, much like blue jeans. This garment is like a woman's nightgown, and the only difference between the costume of the women and that of the men is that the woman's gown is perbaps six inches longer. These gowns are open at the chest, and they wave around the legs at every step. The winds from the desert are often very violent, and they play frequent havoc in a crowd so lightly attired. The children of the without a stitch of clothing on in the busiest parts of Asycot, rolling in the dust and enjoying the sun, regardless of the cold blasts which now and then whizzed around the corners.

The food of these people is as bad as their others in existence. When the gun is perfected clothing. They live almost entirely on vegethe wire will not be visible, as it will be covtables and bread made of wheat flour mixed | ered with hoops. up with ground sorghum seed. In eating a turnip they will chew up the leaves and the long tail of the root as well as the body, and they allow absolutely nothing to go to waste. Among their food is a kind of clover which grows in Egypt, and they think nothing of one of our leading hotels, and the time for eating beans and carrots without cooking. I serving ice-cream having arrived, a saucer full saw in the bazars a white cord cheese, looking | was placed near his plate. He took a good fat much like smearcase, for sale, and they make | biscuit, and, carefully pulling it apart, took his some of their butter from the milk of the buf- | kuife and pasted a half of it with the substance. falo. It is as white as tallow, and is by no | Taking a vigorous bits, in which he came near

Through some friends that I had at Asyoot I became acquainted with a number of the highclass Egyptians, but even these exist on what an American would starve. They do not use is one dish for a family, and into this all dip their fingers, using a little bread to pick up the sellers and the candy men are greatly patronand a base-burner stove would be a wonderful curiosity. The average Egyptian when he wants to warm himself makes a fire in a pan, stands astride of it and spreads his gown out around it, thus making a chimney of himself. The smoke comes out at his neck and arms, and he shuts his bleary eyes and is happy. The sun, however, is the chief warmer, and you see men and women stretched out in warm dust,

quarter I saw many a peasant girl stretching did in the time of the Pharoahs. Now you remainder are Mahometans. The houses are | Many of them were tied by binding up one leg. all of unburnt, sun-dried bricks, and there are | so that the camel had to rest on three legs or lie none over two stories. They are crowded to- down, and of the whole lot there was not one gether into streets not over 12 feet wide, and | happy earnel to be seen. They all blubbered you wind in and out through these in all and cried and pouted, and one had to be very the mazes of Rosamond's bower. In taking | careful in going among them that a bite was a donkey ride I have often found myself not taken out of his clothes or flesh. A good brought up against a blank wall, and had camel could be bought, I was told, for \$30, but to go back for a mile before I could find the more expensive ran into the hundreds. my way out. Some of the streets are so Among the men connected with the caravans, narrow that you can touch the houses on I saw a number of Bedouins, who looked as either side with your hands, and the great | though they might have belonged to the troops bazar, more than a mile long, has shops on of the Mahdi, and not a few of these had spears both sides of the narrow way, over which dur- and swords. They were dressed in white, and were tall, fine-looking fellows. I saw some very pretty women in these markets, and not a few who were no veils over their faces. These were, I was told, African girls who had come up to Asyoot with the caravans. I was told that a great deal of slave trading still went on in Egypt, and that Asyoot was a great market for this business. The barems of the Egyptians are largely made up of slaves brought from Africa. It is against the law to sell them, but they are smuggled in, and the poor girls do not know enough to free themselves.

> The beggars of Asycot are like the beggars our Spring rains would make this town of 40. | of lower Egypt-legion. They put on the most 000 inhabitants a vast mud pie. The houses wobegone faces when they ask for backsheesh, are rude-inside as well as out. Most of them and they laugh and smile whether they get it are mere hovels, and families live here in or not. I took a photograph of one girl whose quarters in which an American farmer would i whole clothing would not have made more than not trust his best Jersey cow. During my stay | one-half of a bed-sheet, and who had a little baldin Asyoot I tried to learn all I could about the headed baby tied to her bare back. She wanted life of the people, and I found that several fam- | a prescut, and when I gave her a penny she ilies often lived in one of these little mud huts, shouted with joy. Begging in Egypt is more and that most of them slept on the ground, with | of a habit than anything else. The people look only a blanket or a cotton rag as covering. The | upon foreigners as made of money, and they poor Egyptian, like the poor Indian, sleeps in | appeal to them upon every occasion. You will the same clothes that he uses during the day- | find beggars by the thousands all along the time, and in these buts chickens, dockeys and Nile, and in the most remote districts the cry cattle are kept in the same room with the fam- of "backsheesh" is heard. This is so even in ily. Even these by no means make up the in- | the Soudan and Nubia, and this vast district. habitants of the house. The lice and fleas of | which is now shut off by the result of the war the hard-hearted Pharoah still stick to the land, | with the Mahdi, is a world in itself. Our Couand bed-bugs are everywhere. You can have sul-General tells me that the Khediye had no idea of the lice of Egypt, and the graybacks | aimed to have pushed this railroad which now everywhere I went about Asyoot I saw a man, | cost \$15,000,000 to build the road on to Khar-FRANK CARPENTER.

> > BUILDING A 10-INCH GUN. A Wonderful Piece of Ordnance in Course of Con-

[Albany Argus.] In process of construction at the gun factory in Waterviiet is a 10-inch gun which, when his eyelids. Egypt has more sore eyes to its completed, will be one of the greatest caliberthis country. This huge gun will be built acfind hundreds of blind men in every Egyptian | cording to Capt. Crozier's latest design of wire | monds and the diamonds of each mine are city. They go about with long sticks and are | winding. Capt. Crozier is located in the Ordnance Department at Washington, and the present gun is the fourth of its kind in exist-

Egyptian peasants often go entirely naked, and | will be, it is expected, about 24 inches in armor | the time we reach Kimberley the glorious I saw youngsters from two to six years old plate. The first gun of this kind was con- southern sky is studded with innumerable in the design, and if the present gun materializes according to expectations it will rival all

> He Had Never Seen Ice-Cream Before. [Cartersville (Ga.) Caurant-American.]

It is related as an absolute truth that the other day a man from near here was dining at means appetizing, as they use it without sait, getting his thumb nail, he turned with a look of disgust to a friend next to him and said: "I am swamped, Bill, if this here ain't the coldest butter ever I seed.

Pure Blood

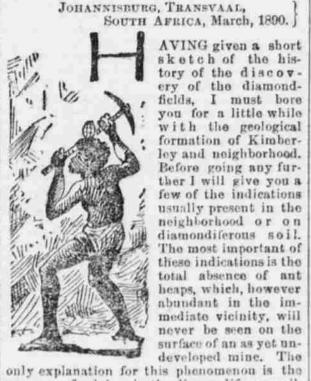
is Essential to Health. To Have Pure Blood Take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The Geological Formation of Kimberley and Vicinity.

Indications Usually Present in Diamondiferous Soil. Where the Shale is Exposed the Pyrites Become Decomposed and Get Redhot, and the Gases Evolved Form a Strange Sight at Night-It Looks and Smells as though the Lower Regions were in Close Proximity-An American Colonel the Manager of the Largest Diamond Company in the

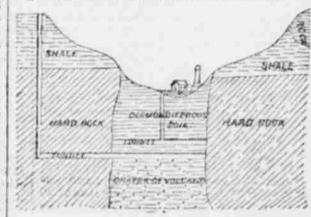
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only explanation for this phenomenon is the | The attempt to picture our mental depression presence of sulphur in the diamondiferous soil. | as we took in, with one quick, swift glance, the | 134 Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ill. Austher indication is the presence of iron | condition of those who had entered before us, stones. I might go on indefinitely, but as I | would be futile. quits and change my subject.

thickness. A very even layer of light shales, | than they could be answered." 25 feet thick on an average and very soapy to the touch, comes next. These shales are of various colors, such as pale bluish-white, yellow, gray, olive, etc. In these shales many fossils have been found, some of which are beautifully preserved. Beneath these we have a vast layer of blackish carboniferous shale, seamed with ron. It is a curious fact that when these shales have been exposed to the weather for some time, and the rain water penetrates to any distance, the pyrites become decomposed, which causes such rapid combustion that the shale becomes redbot. The sulphurous acid gas stone, and I was informed that Dutch farmers on being told this tale hastened away, pale with fright. The rock immediately under the black shale is a light-gray volcanic rock about three feet thick. This strata is freely studded. with agates, jusper, etc., of all sizes. Next comes hornblendic rock of a deeper gray, and then basaltic trap.

I will now produce a rough sketch of the transverse section of the Kimberley mine, which may give you some idea as to the geological distribution of the various stratas.



The diamondiferous soil is usually yellow or blue, and is some 65 feet below the surface. The blue ground, as diamondiferous soil is usually known, is mixed with small rounded of army days are mild in comparison. The goes to Asyoot, far up the Nile, and that he stones of basalt and small angular fragments of and said he wished to be married. chief business of Egyptian leisure seems to be expected in this way to have opened up Central | carboniferous shale, as well as other minerals, in picking over clothes for body-lice, and Africa to trade. It is estimated that it will The blue ground is rather tough and hard when damp, but is easily broken when dry. A boy or woman sitting half naked, and looking tonm, and this would undoubtedly have bet- cubic foot of this dirt weighs about 142 pounds. The following is an analysis of blue ground

Opaline Silica

The balance being diamonds or carbon.

Thousands of opinions have been formed as to the probable origin of the mines, and I shall give you a few of the principal ones. T. C. Kitto, a mining engineer of great experience, visited the fields in 1879, and published the following opinion in the Government Guzette: "I shall at once assume the Kimberley mine | young ministers to his tent to receive his formation to be the result of carthquakes and volcanic agency, and that the diamonds were

formed previous to their final deposition in the One expert, Garcias, claims that diamonds grow or are formed within the space of two or and most wonderful in design over made in three years, a statement which I can scarcely credit. It is a well-known fact that river dia-

quite distinct in character from each other. The old DeBeer stones are much more like the river diamonds than are those of the Kimberley. ence. The work of boring the gun has been | An experienced buyer can tell at a glance, in completed, and Thursday next it will be placed | most cases, where the diamond was found, and | to day for her to split kindling wood with." in the lathe preparatory to commencing the | many diggers, buyers and other experts have wire winding. The square wire to be used will on oath expressed their conviction as to the be of steel, as is also the gun proper, a tenth of | source of certain stones before courts of law. an inch in thickness, and will be wound from But enough of geology. My geological lecthe breech to the muzzle, the entire length. | ture, for which I have to thank Dr. Matthews, To produce the desired work a dynamo has a leading physician, being over, I hied myself been placed in the gun factory which will be | to Alexander's Fontein, a pienic place, some six utilized to weld the ends of the wire by elec- miles south of Kimberley. It is tropical to a tricity. When completed it is expected that | degree, being fenced in by huge cactus plants this gun will throw a 560 pound projectile from | and prickly-pears, some of which reach a hight 12 to 15 miles, the greatest distance yet accom- of 10 to 12 feet. A bowling-alley, bath, runplished. The weight of the powder charge | ning track-in fact, the usual adjuncts of such will be about 230 pounds, and the penetration | a place-serve to while away the time, and by structed about 20 years ago at Frankfort Ar. stars, brighter and larger than any I have ever gon, but on the nineteenth round burst. Since in my hammock, I think of the lives made and is known as the hassing and Silverine case. We have that time wonderful changes have been made | ruined, of happiness and sorrows of the toilers | great confidence in this watch, and are sure it will please. after riches in the diamond mines of Kim-

In my next letter I will describe the manner of mining the diamonds, which is one of the most interesting in such a dry and prosaic subject as mining. By-the-by, I almost forgot to tell you that Col. Gardner B. Williams, formerly of California, is the manager of the Consolidated DeBeers mines, the largest company in the world, having a capital of £4,250,000. EDGAR MELS.

How Best to Cool Off. [Detroit Free Press.]

Three men stood together on Monroe avenue yesterday. All were sweating and mopping. It was hot-awful hot. "I've got to have a glass of beer to cool off on," remarked one. "You fellows have some?"

"You bet!" promptly replied one. "Excuse me," said the other, who was a doc tor. "Now, then, let me show you something. You, Tom, let me feel your pulse. Now you, Henry. Now, then, Tom, get your beer." All three entered a saloon. While Tom was drinking his beer the doctor seated Henry in a chair and gave him a fan. At the end of five minutes Tom joined them, saying: "A-h-h! but that touches the spot! I feel

"Do you?" queried the doctor. "Your pulse has increased just eight beats to the minute, while Henry's has decreased six, making a difference of 14 in his favor. Wait a bit." It wasn't over three minutes before Henry laid down the fan, feeling cool enough, while Tom pulled out his handkerchief and said : "For Heaven's sake ! lot's get out of this or I shall roast! I'm wet all over!"

"There's the case I want to make out," said the doctor. "You are far warmer than before, and will be for an hour to come. Our friend here has lost his thirst and is cool enough for a foot-race."

A Yankee in Andersonville, [The Century.]

"It was near noon of the 20th of May, 1864, that our train came to a stop, in a clearing of the pine forest. We had been all expectation for an hour or more, straining eager eyes to catch some glimpse of our stopping-place. It was here before us. Looking from our position upon the railroad toward the southeast, at the extreme end of the clearing, some 300 or 400 yards away, a cloud of smoke was curling upward from a rectangular, substantial-looking pen. Upon inquiry we were told, 'That's where you Yanks will put up!

"We had little time for thought before a round-shouldered, blustering little man upon a white horse rode the length of the train, and with many a curse and oath ordered us all out. During our exit from the close, cramped quarters we had occupied so long a fresh guard came, in the wildest confusion and unmilitary order, from the direction of the smoke, and after much blustering and cursing we were formed into two lines, giving room for us to pass between four deep. After some more swearing the officer on the white horse placed himself at the head of the column and ordered us to march. sketch of the his- This was Wirz, our prison-keeper, and unhaptory of the discov - pily our first introduction to him was not our ery of the diamond- last. Upon reaching the inclosure we halted fields, I must bore while a part of our number were formed into a you for a little while detachment, and the remainder were ordered with the geological to be placed upon the rolls of the older detachformation of Kimber- | ments already in the pen.

ley and neighborhood. "I have hesitated thus far to pronounce the word Andersonville. We knew nothing, or had ther I will give you a heard nothing, of the place, so we had not a few of the indications | moment's notice of the life we were about to usually present in the enter upon. These many years after, the word neighborhood or on | 'Andersonville' excites the same curiosity that diamondiferous soil. it did before we entered upon the months of The most important of suffering that cannot be told. This, then, was these indications is the | Andersonville; or, as it was called by the guard, total absence of ant 'Camp Sumter.' We entered it by a swinging heaps, which, however | door or gate, large, heavily ironed, and guarded. " As we passed within the doors were closed mediate vicinity, will | behind and heavily barred-closed upon me never be seen on the for five long months, and upon one-half our surface of an as yet un- number for life. Our hearts sickened as we developed mine. The first looked upon the misery before our eyes,

intend to give you a geological lecture on the "We joined inside the inclosure 13,000 of our formation of the Kimberley mine, I must cry | comrades in arms, but they were not to be recognized. They seemed a different race of the The soil formerly covering the Kimberley human family, and vastly more squalid than mine, which has an average depth of six feet, any I ever had seen or heard of-emaciated is a bright red ferruginous sand, composed of forms, half human and half spectral, black with fine grains of quartz. Next is found a layer of filth and smoke, and swarming with vermin. calcareous tufa, and then follows a layer of As we were driven like sheep into the stockade laminated trap or blue whin, which varies in | they crowded about us, making inquiries faster

> Another British Investment. [Chicago Tribune.

There is a young son of an English lord at the Richelicu who would have no trouble in driving the Germans from Africa, could solve the Irish problem, and would not be over half an hour in adjusting the American fisheries troubles. At least that is what he claims. "What is America?" he asked last evening. Nothing!"

He always answers his own questions. evolved from this combustion rises during the chain of English syndicates," he went on. BATES ORGAN CO., 72 PEAGE STREET, BOSTON, MASS. night, forming a strange sight. As a miner | "The British own your breweries, flour mills, remarked to me: "We're getting down close | manufacturing establishments, railroads, busito the Old Nick? Do you smell him?" The ness blocks, and nearly everything else. In a smell certainly reminded one of fire and brim- short while they will own your Government."

"Enterprising people, the English," remarked Col. W. A. Thompson. "They will own the commerce of the world before long." "You are right," exclaimed the future lord. who was delighted to find one friend in the little audience.

"Do you know," continued Col. Thompson that an English syndicate has just concluded a deal with the Government of Peru, by which 10,000 young dogs are to be shipped to London. These dogs of Peru are small hairless beasts, and are valuable, although it took Englishmen to see a big profit in such a venture. The first shipment will be started in a few weeks, and the entire 10,000 will be in London before Autumn."

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"English syndicates are so busy," interrupted the young foreigner, "that one can't keep track of all their doings. I hadn't heard of that dog scheme. Pray what is for?" "Se that Peruvian bark will be cheaper next

Winter," answered Col. Thompson. The Englishman walked away, wearing a different expression on each side of his face.

Confusion as to Divine Guldance. [San Francisco Argonaut.]

In the early days of Maine Methodism it was the custom for young ministers to consult their presiding elders before taking a wife. Once, during a camp meeting in eastern Maine, a young minister approached the presiding elder "Whom do you propose to marry?" asked

"Well," said the young man, "the Lord has

made known to me very clearly that I should marry sister Mary Turner." "I know her well," said the elder; "she is a fine girl. I will see you again before the meet-

ing closes." During the week four other young ministers consulted the presiding elder on the subject of marriage. Each of them gave the name of the young woman to whom he proposed to offer himself. They had all prayed over the matter a great deal, and each was certain that it was the Lord's desire that he should marry the person named. Neither of the five young men knew that anyone else had consulted the elder on that subject. On the last day of the campmeeting, at noon, the elder called the five

opinion. He said : " Now, brethren, it may be the will of God for you to marry, but it is not His will that five Methodist ministers should marry little Mary Turner."

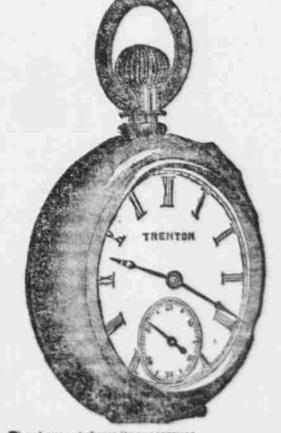
> A Considerate Husband. [New York Sun.]

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